

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Alan D. Ford et al.	Art Unit :	2125
Serial No. :	09/877,404	Examiner :	Ryan A. Jarrett
Filed :	June 8, 2001	Conf. No. :	8082
Title :	AN INFUSION PUMP WITH AN ELECTRONICALLY LOADABLE DRUG LIBRARY AND A USER INTERFACE FOR LOADING THE LIBRARY		

Mail Stop Amendment

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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM OF

PRIORITY (37 CFR 1.78(3))

Applicant petitions that the priority claim for the present application be corrected as set forth in the attached preliminary amendment.

The declaration correctly claims priority to an original application filed on October 15, 1992.

In a preliminary amendment filed concurrently with the application, Applicant amended the specification to recite the reference required by Rule 1.78(2)(i).

The reference recited a chain of priority that named only the '907 application and the '828 application. Applicant assumed that since the '828 application was a file wrapper continuation of the '527 application, the reference to the '828 application would serve to reference the '527 application.

Applicant has since determined that although a file wrapper continuation and its modern incarnation, the RCE, are functionally equivalent, and although an RCE need not be recited in the reference required by Rule 78, Rule 78 appears to contemplate no distinction between a file wrapper continuation and a regular continuation. Applicant now concludes that it is in fact necessary to correct the reference. The delay between when the reference was due on October 8, 2001 and the filing of this petition was thus unintentional.

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Respectfully submitted,

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